Irregularities committed by Birla Technical Services

655. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Birlas have formed a company known as Birla Technical Services;

(b) if so, what is its share capital, paid-up capital and number of officers and trained personnel of the company; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Birla Technical Services have got some jobs from German consortium in steel modernisation, if so, the details of the amount involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Birla Technical Services is not a separate company and is a Division of M|s. National Engineering Industries Ltd. As such, it has no share capital, paid up capital of its own. Information regarding total number of officers and trained personnel is not required to be furnished under the Companies Act.

(c) The Department of Steel have informed that M|s. Birla Technical Services (BTS) are one of the Members of the Consortium led by M|s. Mannesman Demag Huttenteknik (MDH) of West Germany who have been awarded contracts for 2 packages of the Durgapur Steel Plant modernisation project. They are also members of other consortia which are not led by M/s. MDH. The total value of orders placed on M|s. BTS is Rs. 461.60 crores.

Indian Airlines flight between Delhi and Visakhapatnam

656. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the direct flight between Delhi and Visakhapatnam has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that other areas have been accommodated ignoring this vital sector; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to restore the flight?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to agitation by a section of employees of Indian Airlines and reduced availability of operating aircraft capacity with effect from the 20th of November, 1989, Indian Airlines had withdrawn air services on many sectors including Delhi-Visakhapatnam.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir, as soon as the aircraft position improves, this flight could be restored.

Promoting the use of Indian Systems of Medicine

657. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Health Education Bureau has brought out any educational materials for promoting the use of Indian Systems of Medicine; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Health Education Bureau is producing two monthly journals, viz. Swasth Hind (English) and Arogya